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FOR H - PLEASE PASS TO SENATOR MOYNIHAN

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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION - LETTER TO SENATOR P. MOYNIHAN

1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED
IMMEDIATELY TO SENATOR P. MOYNIHAN:

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR PAT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
CABLE OF AUGUST 22. THE DECISION BY OUR GOVERNMENT NOT TO
PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE HAS NOT PREVENTED MULTIPLE
EFFORTS ON OUR PART TO DEFEND ISRAEL AGAINST UNJUST ATTACK.
AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS GONE TO
EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO INFORM AND INFLUENCE THE
INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES OF THE UN REGARDING ITS UNYIELDING
OPPOSITION TO ANY IDENTIFICATION OF RACISM WITH ZIONISM.
I HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH THE ISRAELI
AMBASSADOR, WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE, AND
WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF CANADA AND THE EC-9, AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY OTHER COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT TO
POSITIVELY INFLUENCE THE RESULTS OF THIS CONFERENCE DESPITE
OUR ABSENCE.

2. CANADA AND THE EC-9 HAVE A POSITION AS UNCOMPROMISING
AS OUR OWN. IT ALSO SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE MAJORITY OF
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AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO EXCLUDE ANY LINKAGE
BETWEEN ZIONISM AND RACISM IN THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS
DESPITE INCREDIBLE POLITICAL PRESSURES BEING BROUGHT TO
BEAR ON THEM BY THE EXTREMIST ARAB STATES. YOUR CABLE
REFLECTING THE DEPTH OF FEELING ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE
CONGRESS IS A MOST HELPFUL INSTRUMENT FOR ME IN REFLECTING
THE STRENGTH OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION. I BELIEVE

WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING ANY PERPETUATION OF
THE OUTRAGEOUS FORMULATION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM.
IF WE ARE NOT, THIS CONFERENCE AND ITS HOPEFUL POSSIBILITIES
WILL STAND CONDEMNED BY ITS OWN INJUSTICE. WITH WARM
REGARDS TO YOU. BILL VANDEN HEUVEL. END TEXT. VANDEN
HEUVEL

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